IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Confirmation Number: 4930
Dale W. Malik	Group Art Unit: 2196
Serial No.: 10/685,562	Examiner: Thomas J. Dailey
Filed: October 14, 2003	Docket No. 190250-1440

For: **MERGING INSTANT MESSAGING (IM) CHAT SESSIONS**

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.